

**Budget and Contracts Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Richland Library Conference Rooms A/B, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland  
**Conference Line:** Dialing Instructions:

- Tri-City participants: 376-3622, conference code **6534566#**
- Long distance participants: 1-877-401-5229, conference code **6534566#**

**GoToMeeting:** <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/join/390029886>; Meeting ID: 390-029-886

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**1:00 p.m. Opening – Jerry Peltier, Chair**

- Welcome and introductions – Jerry Peltier, Chair
- Approval of May BCC/Joint Committee meeting summary
- Announcements

**1:15 p.m. Understanding Budget Terminology**

*Purpose: To help the committee understand budget terminology used by DOE-HQ and by Congress as it seeks to better understand the budget process applied at the Hanford Site.*

- Agency presentation – Mark Coronado, DOE-RL<sup>1</sup> (5 min)
  - Appropriations vs. allocations vs. authorizations
  - Discretionary vs. non-discretionary (federal and congressional)
  - Implications of judicial decisions on Hanford budgets
- Regulator perspective – John Price, Ecology<sup>2</sup>
- Committee discussion

**1:45 p.m. DOE-ORP's 2015 Budget Request**

*Purpose: To discuss the need for the HAB to draft a letter requesting information on DOE-ORP's<sup>3</sup> 2015 budget request.*

- Committee discussion

**2:30 p.m. Break**

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office

<sup>2</sup> Washington State Department of Ecology

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Energy – Office of River Protection

**2:45 p.m. Committee Discussion: Concerns with the Budget Process**

*Purpose: 1) To continue committee discussion of the draft budget issue paper developed by Jerry Peltier and Gerry Pollet regarding the Hanford budget process and prioritization of “non-discretionary” projects; 2) To determine if draft advice, a HAB sounding board, or some other mechanism would be appropriate to address these concerns.*

- Issue Manager Introduction – Jerry Peltier (5 min)
- Agency perspectives – Kim Ballinger, DOE-RL; Carrie Meyer, DOE-ORP; John Price, Ecology
- Committee discussion
  - Clarification of information contained in the issue paper
  - Determination whether advice or a sounding board is needed
  - Identification of potential advice points, if the committee agrees advice should be developed
  - Next steps for addressing this issue

**3:45 p.m. Committee Business**

- Review follow up items
- Update 3-month work plan, including August committee call topics

**4:00 p.m. Adjourn**